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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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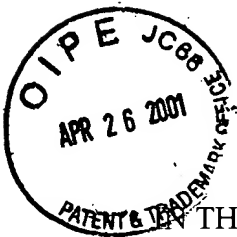
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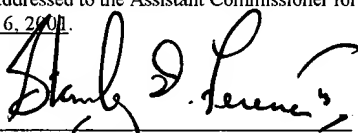
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Serial No. : 09/749,375 Examiner : Unassigned  
Filed : December 21, 2000 Art Unit : Unassigned  
For : CODING AND STORAGE OF PHONETICAL  
CHARACTERISTICS OF STRINGS

April 16, 2001

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April 16, 2001  
Date of Signature

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated February 15, 2001, Applicant submits herewith a duly executed **Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application**.

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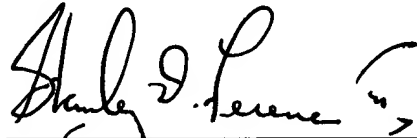
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As required, a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is attached.

Since all the missing parts have now been supplied, it is submitted that the application is now complete and in form for examination. Accordingly, such examination and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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